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VICE PRESIDENT DEAD

James S. Sherman Passes Away Wednesday at Utica N. J.

James Schoolcraft Sherman, vice president of the United States died at his home in Utica, N. J. at 9:42 p. m. Wednesday October 30. Death was induced by Brights disease accompanied by arterio-sclerosis with which he had suffered for years.

The death of the vice president was not unexpected. In 1908 he was warned of the approach of kidney trouble and began a strict system of dieting but continuing his work as usual. Brights disease was finally discovered and he gave up most of his work and devoted himself to building up his system. His efforts failed. He was seriously ill for several days, being unconscious several hours before his death.

The U. S. embassies and legation will observe mourning for thirty days and flags will be hung at half mast over public buildings at Washington until after burial.

Under the constitution Secretary Knox is in line for accession to the vice-presidency. The Republican central committee which was empowered at the convention to fill vacancies on the Republican ticket will call a meeting in Chicago for November 12 to select a candidate for the vice-presidency, this depending on the result of the election Tuesday.

Visit to Bynumville

E. B. Kellogg and Cleve Schell accompanied County Engineer Cropper to Bynumville Friday in the latter's Buick. Engineer Cropper inspected the work on the bottom road and also view the proposed location for a road east and west from Sullivan's saw mill, which crosses both the Chariton and big ditch.

Clarence McCurry is having a splendid piece of work done from the iron bridge north, and we noted the excellent condition of the roads generally.

A little more rounding up and dragging will, when the county gets its end of the bottom road south of Bynumville completed, make travel in that country a delight.

We again secured the same excellent correspondent at Bynumville who furnished the news for us until more important engagements consumed the time to our exclusion.

The private high school at Bynumville is flourishing, as is almost everything and everybody from appearances.

The general improvement in that section of our county would astonish any who have not visited or passed thru within 5 years. Tom Gray is kept busy with his mill in a quiet nook on the Chariton and Jno. Lee faces the music of the saw with a smile of satisfaction at the way they are ripping up logs. In a few years any part of old Chariton will be too good for any one to think of leaving.

Special Services

W. A. Simmons, of Fayette, Mo., will assist Pastor G. C. Ormsbee in a special meeting at the Baptist Church, beginning Nov. 10th. J. A. Ballou, of Marble Hill, vocal instructor in Will Mayfield College, will have charge of the singing. A cordial invitation is extended to all Christians in and around Keytesville to help make this meeting a blessing to our community.

Miss Lois Hancock will entertain a number of friends at her home Saturday afternoon.

COURT IN SESSION

David Roupe Declared Insane Claims Allowed

County Court met in session Monday with the following officers present: A. S. Taylor, Presiding Judge; M. J. Lain and Barney Reigelsberger, Associate Judges; A. N. Harding, Sheriff and C. C. Parks, Clerk.

George Reimer, files information that David Roupe is a person of unsound mind and a fit subject to be confined in a state Hospital for Insane, whereupon it is ordered by the Court after hearing the testimony offered that the said David Roupe is insane and that he be conveyed to Asylum No. one at Fulton, to undergo treatment therein.

Allowances as follows were made:

State Hospital, support of David Roupe for 6 months \$78.00
A. N. Harding conveying same to asylum \$35.00, sheriff fees \$2.50.

Total \$37.50
U. A. House witness fees and mileage \$4.40
L. Sharp, same 5.25
Geo Berry same and constable fees, \$14.20
J. W. Hardy, same and medical statement \$9.40

Squabble Over Lost Check

When politics get stale around the camp fire at the Brown hotel the guests begin to discuss who stands as loser to the extent of a check of \$17.50 and a two dollar sweater which the check bought of the Peters Dry Goods Co, the first of the week.

A man came to the store and bought a sweater of Manager Weber. He presented a check for \$17.50 and received his change, the check being one from the Carmichael Construction Co. to one of its employees near this town. The presenter of the check was unknown to Weber but the endorsement appeared regular and every thing went merry, the check passing through the Farmers' Bank here and into the St. Louis clearing house. Then, later there appeared the other side of the story.

It transpires that the man who presented the check was not the legal owner thereof. The payee and owner had lost the check and the other fellow found it. It is an open question, it seems as to whether the loser had indorsed the check before he lost it or whether his indorsement was forged by the finder. When the loss was reported the check had been cashed and the check in the St. Louis bank. If the original payee had endorsed the check before losing it he is the only loser. If he did not indorse it, but the endorsement is forged, the Peters Dry Good Co. endorsement is liable to the amount, in case the loser should make any protest. If he does not, then the matter will stand as it is, the loser being the fellow who originally lost the check. Upon the question of forgery of the endorsement rests the entire legal question of responsibility while the question will be settled as it now stands unless the fellow who lost the check starts something.

\$3000 Calves

A headline in the Moberly Democrat reads: "Five thousand dollar calves massaged." Instantly we jumped right into the text to ascertain whether we knew the lady, but alas, the item related to blooded live stock. They were Jersey calves.

T. E. Osborne, of Dalton, transacted business Wednesday.

HOW REASSURING!



FIRST LYCEUM NUMBER

Given at the Baptist Church Monday Night

The first number of the Lyceum course brought to Keytesville by the ladies of the Baptist Church was heard at the Baptist Church Monday night. The Otterbein quartet and bell ringers were the attraction. The quartet had been up early that morning and had been losing considerable rest in making their appearance fit their dates and their performances lacked a little in ginger. They sang quite a few of the staple numbers for male quartets. Mr. McDowell sang the Rosary, Miss Anderson accompanist, the quartet sang several hymns, accompanying themselves with the bells and quite a few concerted numbers, including a paraphrase on "Annie Laurie," Field's "Little Boy Blue," while our old friend, the sextet from "Lucia di Lammermoor," appeared disguised in another suit of clothing, arranged for quartet. The more staid numbers were sung with voices well handled, but the comedy numbers were not laughably done. It is said that comedians are born, not made, and the Otterbeins were not born stage comedians. The audience enjoyed the program and will await with interest the appearance of the next number.

Hunters Busy

Guns and hunting boots were given an awful oiling, rubbing and otherwise cleaning and refurbishing, this week anticipating the quail hunting season which opened Friday. The birds seem to be scarce, according to generally accepted reports in spite of an apparently favorable season. The game prospects this year are not such as to inspire the hunter with an idea that he is going to be overburdened with sport. Nevertheless the never-vanquished son of Nimrod puts his gun over his shoulder and continues to sally forth.

Tuberculosis Day

Sunday was "Tuberculosis Day" observed in many churches, when ministers devoted their sermons to sermonizing their flocks on measures to stamp out tuberculosis. This movement is under the auspices of the national organization for the prevention of tuberculosis and they are waging a campaign of education.

Good Local Sale

Terrill Epperly of Randolph county sold last week to Bud Summers 25 head of steers averaging 1400 lbs. at \$9.75 per cwt. This is one of the topnotch sales in the home market.

COUNTY ODD FELLOWS

Meets Here Next October-Big Time Promised

Keytesville will entertain the Chariton County Odd Fellows Association next year, on date, October 16, 1913. The president, M. S. Walther promises this city the biggest event of its history in the nature of a lodge convention. There will be a parade of five or six hundred and the Odd Fellows will take the town.

This was arranged at the convention in Salisbury, last week, when about forty members of the local lodge went to that town to spend the day, attend the various session of the county organization, witnessing the exemplification of degree work and having a good time generally.

On this occasion, occurred the annual election of officers. These are:

President—M. S. Walther, Keytesville.
Vice President—H. C. Carlstead, Prairie Hill.
Secretary—G. W. Welker, Salisbury.

Treasurer—G. Freisz, Brunswick
Marshal—C. A. Clarkson, Pee Dee.

The work in the second and third degrees was given two candidates, G. W. Stormount of Dalton and George Marshall, of Huntsville.

Rucker Closing Campaign

Congressman Rucker is making a stiff finish to his campaign by making a tour of Livingston county this week; the last before the votes are registered and counted. The dates he filled during the week were: Utica Monday night; Mooresville, Tuesday; Chillicothe, Wednesday night; Avalon, Thursday night; Ludlow, Friday night and Chula, Saturday night.

Col. Luke Emerson Dead

Col. Luke Emerson of Bowling Green, Pike County, one of the most noted importers of jacks in the country, died at his home Monday of dropsy at the age of 52. He was especially noted as an importer of Spanish jacks and also dealt extensively in mules. He won more than local fame some time ago when Clark was elected Speaker of the House when he offered Clark a fine span of mules if the speaker would drive them down Pennsylvania Avenue. For some reason, Clark did not drive the jacks.

R. A. Coleman, formerly owner and operator of the hotel and restaurant in the north side, moved to the country near Charleville on the Tug Elliott place Tuesday. His son, John C. Coleman, who purchased the restaurant, will operate it.

HALLOWE'EN IS PAST

Few of the Usual Pranks Indulged by Youngsters

Hallowe'en, the Festival of All Saints, is past. Its religious significance is no longer a matter of observation with the young folks excepting they belong to some church which observes holidays. Otherwise it is a day for pranks, merry quips, jests, and trouble for everybody but the youngsters.

Along with the Hallowe'en has grown "Corn Night." This seems not to be a custom in Missouri as it is in Illinois, as that little celebration consists of the throwing of shelled corn against the doors and windows of harmless citizens the evening of the day previous to Hallowe'en. Many a citizen has found a goodly crop of corn growing by his front steps the spring following as a result of this tribute to our great cereal. It is just anything to torment the "old folks."

To ticktack the irascible genius who has to chase the bunch by the aid of a cane, is joy for the young. Infirmities have no terror for them. The innocent cow is taken from the stable and next morn chews its cud a mile from home. There are no more front gates, or very few at least. These sometime disappear, wagons lose their wheels, board walks walk, and other phenomena, some of which would be good for Keytesville if they did happen, sometimes occur. It is a royal day and eve of sport for the young, quiet enjoyment for those who have given up these pranks but are not too old to enjoy the effervescence of youth and oppressive terror for the old.

A Refractory Patient

Deputy Sheriff Gardner went to Fulton, Monday to accompany David Roupe, adjudged insane, to the hospital for the insane. Roupe proved to be a refractory customer. When he entered the court room to be tried of insanity he evidenced intense disrespect and disgust with the ermine and aimed a blow at the head of the honorable court that would have put that gentleman off the bench, had he not been quick on the duck and getaway. Roupe was six feet four inches tall and weighed about 200 lbs. His disregard for formalities kept the court and officials in such hot water that it was with thankfulness that the court finally entered judgment.

Injured When Horse Ran off

Charles E. Chapman, who attends school in this city, was injured by his horse running off, Tuesday morning as he was enroute to school from his home. The horse became frightened and ran into a barb wire fence, tearing into strips the clothing of young Chapman and cutting his leg in several places. He came to town and sought the aid of Dr. Shopshire who attended to the wounds which are not serious.

Bucked and Broke Arm

Leo Clavin, second son of James Clavin 6 miles northwest was feeling pretty good and to give way to his jollity, cut a few pigeon wings at his home Saturday afternoon and wound up by piroquetting on the ground and breaking his right arm above the wrist. Dr. Zillman fixed Leo up in good shape and he is again about ready to hop, skip and jump or go up in an airship.

L. H. Herring of Brunswick spent Saturday in this city.

THAT BIG PECAN CROP

Brings Thousands of Dollars to Chariton County

The pecan crop is no slouch this year. It is one great big money-making crop right here. They didn't have to go to Texas this year for pecans but stopped right in Missouri and the fellow who had a few and held on to them long enough was in right.

Great stories are coming in from the pecan orchards and some which sold for a mere bagatelle have been resold until the price has been doubled, doubled again and still is going upward.

Brunswick is a big shipping center for Chariton county as the pecans are pretty plentiful in the bottoms in that vicinity. Farmers have been bringing them in for a week, in sacks, piled high on wagons, like sacks of wheat. These have sold for high as 13 1-2 cents a pound. It is reported that last Saturday, the pecan buyers circulated \$3100 in one day amongst the sellers of the crop and it is further reported that a carload of 40,000 lbs. was shipped by one man. It is believed that fully \$30,000.00 will be distributed amongst the men who market pecans in the county this year, as the prices are up at the topnotch the season for picking young, and the crop hardly moving well. It will take some more frosts to get the crop going right.

A. L. Wires jr. of Brunswick and Hon. A. S. Taylor own 12 acres of very fine bottom land on which there is a comparatively fair-sized pecan orchard of about 200 good sized bearing trees. A month ago an offer of \$35 was made for all the pecans the buyer to gather them. A little later an offer of \$120 was made and immediately following, an offer \$150. As this amount was so much greater than the first offer the nut growers immediately accepted it and felt that they had the advantage of the speculator. However, the buyer a little later on sold the orchard for \$500 and this purchaser again sold it for \$750 and the last purchaser who is now gathering the nuts has already delivered more than \$400 worth and from the way the trees are turning out, estimates he will get no less than \$2000 worth and perhaps \$3000 worth of pecans on which his expenses will be something like \$150. Wires and Taylor failed to appreciate the joke even if they see it.

Morning Service for S. S.

Next Sunday beginning at 9:45 and closing at 10:30 the morning service at the Baptist church will be devoted entirely to Sunday School interests. A special program consisting of vocal and instrumental music, lesson study and talks on Sunday School work has been arranged; and it is earnestly desired that all of our people attend. Come yourself and bring some one with you and let us make this a banner day in our school.

Notice

Miss Belle Kearney noted writer, traveler and lecturer, will give her famous lecture, "The Pulse Beats of the Nation" at Dalton Sunday evening Nov. 3rd at 7:30. Mrs. Kearney comes to Dalton under the auspices of the Epworth League. There will be no admission charges but a silver offering will be taken.

Miss Lillian Brandt, the Courier correspondent at Dalton, and a good one, too, came to the city Wednesday with her brother, Gus, and spent the day.